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Maintenance under PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and PMGSY-II are poorly maintained, if so, the details thereof, State/UT- wise including Madhya Pradesh;
(b) whether there is a fund for maintenance and repair of roads under PMGSY and PMGSY-II after the five year contract expires, if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated, released and spent for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh;
(c) whether repair work of the roads constructed under these schemes has been completed, if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto, State/UT-wise;
(d) whether there is any monitoring system for such maintenance and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) whether the Government has received any complaints about poor maintenance of roads under PMGSY and PMGSY-II during the said period, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon along with the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for effective maintenance of roads constructed under these schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b): Execution and Maintenance of rural roads is the responsibility of the respective States. PMGSY Programme Guidelines provide that initial five year maintenance of these roads, upon their completion, shall be ensured by the same contractor who has executed the said road projects. After expiry of the initial five year's maintenance period, the State Governments are required to make necessary budgetary provision and place the funds in the maintenance fund account of respective SRRDA's to service the Zonal maintenance contract for maintenance of these roads.

The details of such fund allocated, released and spent for the purpose of maintenance after the five years contract expires are maintained by the respective States. Such records are not centrallymaintained in National Rural Road Development Agency (NRRDA).

(c)& (d): To ensure continued maintenance of rural roads in general and PMGSY roads in particular, the Ministry has repeatedly underlined the need for State Governments to evolve States Specific Rural Road Maintenance Policy. Such policies would not only protect the huge central investment in rural roads but would also create enabling provisions for sustained funding of maintenance of rural roads. So far, ten States Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand have notified such Rural Road Maintenance Policies.

(e): Complaints about various aspects of implementation of PradhanMantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY) including that relating to maintenance are received from time to time.
Statements containing State-wise, Year-wise details of complaints vis-a-vis action taken for the period, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 (upto January, 2016) are given in the Annexure-I to IV.
National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA), an agency of the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) has issued guidelines in January, 2015 on "Managing Maintenance of Rural Roads in India" to be followed by the respective States. NRRDA is also regularly supporting training programmes to create capacities and upgrade skills of field engineers and contractors as well as their staff to facilitate maintenance of rural roads.
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